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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): BATTERY STRUCTURE FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND BATTERY MODULE

Takevuki GOTO, Tsunemi AIBA and Toshiaki ONUKI By (Inventors):

Formal drawings (Figs. 1-11; 6 sheets) are attached. for front page of Publication. Use Figure

A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.

An assignment of the invention to SHIN-KOBE ELECTRIC MACHINERY CO., LTD. is filed herewith.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.

Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted. A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. _______, filed _______---

Priority of foreign application No. 2000-147179 filed May 19, 2000 in JAPAN is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).

A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

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